

Phone English

Lesson: S116

Men and Women



Aim: to discuss the differences between men and women and practice using adjectives

- A. Watch and listen in your own time to this comedy feature on the brains of men and women

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BxckAMaTDc&feature=related>

(approx 5 minutes)

While you listen:

- Write down any new words or phrases to discuss with your teacher
- What are some of the 'boxes' described for men?
- How does this contrast with the brains of women?
- Summarise his 'argument' to present to your teacher next time.

You might find these contrasting words useful:

whereas	on the other hand
while	in contrast

- B. Review these 'amusing' statements about men and women and discuss with your teacher. How do they compare to your experience?

Men are biologically incapable of letting a women light a barbecue.

Men drive to a party, women drive back.

Men have flu, women have colds.

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A woman believes that visitors will be impressed by a clean house. A man believes that the visitors will be impressed with his large stereo.

Exactly the same haircut will cost £20 /€30 more for a woman than it will for a man.

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband, while a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

C. Discuss the following with your teacher:

- i) Do you agree that there are big differences in the way men and women think and feel?
- ii) Think of your partner or closest friend/family member of the opposite sex. Do you think differently to them? How?
- iii) Do you prefer the company of men or women. Why?
- iv) According to some people, men and women can never really just be friends. Is this true for you? Do you have friends of the opposite sex?

D. Practising adjectives to describe personality

- In the video, the comedian says that women are driven by emotion. Do you agree?
- Which of these characteristics are normally associated with women, men or both?

charming	emotional	handsome	beautiful	dependable
aggressive	analytical	sweet	muscular	maternal

E. Homework: more adjectives and ways of describing people

Go to: <http://www.onestopenglish.com/section.asp?docid=147084>

Please complete questions 1 and 2 for your next lesson. You will then do the rest of this worksheet with your teacher.